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1. [redacted] battalion CO called a meeting of all sergeants of the 55th Sep. Tk. Tng. Bn. 1.
  2. One point covered by the battalion CO concerned an alleged formal complaint registered [redacted] with the USSR Ministry of Defense. It was stated in the complaint that the external appearance of Soviet service personnel was so shabby and unkempt that it was causing [redacted] extreme embarrassment in front of their non-Communist neighbors. These non-Communists were repeatedly pointing out that the pride of the USSR, the serviceman, looked like a tramp (brodyaga) in comparison with the serviceman of other (Western) nations. The battalion CO insisted that this situation could be partially corrected by the individual soldier, who should take pride in his appearance. He further stated that the Soviet government, recognizing the need for a better appearance of its military personnel abroad, would in the near future issue a new tunic (mundir), new boots, and a service cap (furazhka) to all personnel in Austria.
  3. The battalion CO went on to state that another subject included in the complaint was the deplorable behavior of Soviet servicemen in their contacts with the Austrian population. [redacted]
- [redacted] This situation, the battalion CO said, would be corrected, and personnel who behaved in a manner not to the best interest of Soviet relationships in Austria would be dealt with as enemies of the people.

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